



Trading Post

Years ago, when Canada was first settled, there was no money like we have now. People used other things to buy the goods they needed. In trading posts, the currency used was fur pelts.

TRADING COSTS

1 BLANKET	2 BEAVER SKINS
1 GUN	4 BEAVER SKINS
40 LOADS OF POWDER AND SHOT	1 BEAVER SKIN
4 FILES	1 BEAVER SKIN
3 MIRRORS	1 BEAVER SKIN
2 POWDER HORNS	1 BEAVER SKIN

The prices of the goods in the store can be expressed as ratios.

For example:

A blanket could be “bought” with two beaver skins.

This can be expressed as
1 to 2 ratio

1 blanket to 2 beaver skins

1:2 ratio

And also $\frac{1}{2}$.

Which trade for beaver skins could you describe with each ratio?

6 to 2

4:2

$\frac{2}{8}$

TRADING SKINS

2 FOX	1 BEAVER
5 MARTEN	1 BEAVER
4 WOLVERINES	1 BEAVER
15 MUSKRATS	1 BEAVER

- How many of each of the other items have the same value as ***eight files***?
- Explain what you did.

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How many martens would it take to buy a blanket?

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A knife costs $\frac{1}{4}$ beaver skin. Which item has the same value as a knife? Explain.

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How much would a gun cost in each of the other skins?

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Explain how you did it.

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